

FY2003 Report of Accomplishments Asotin County Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in FY2003 – Summary

- *Approved projects have been implemented to help reduce direct impacts to salmonid bearing streams in the Asotin Creek watershed.*
- *Project developments on private and public property have informed and educated local individuals on the importance of healthy upland, riparian and instream areas and how they impact anadromous salmonid production.*



Mission of the Asotin County Conservation District

- *"To advocate, educate and assist people in responsible land management and agricultural practices that conserve and improve air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for present and future generations."*

Water Quality Implementation

Accomplishments

- *360 acres of 2 year direct seed, 2 spring developments, 2 troughs, 2 multipurpose ponds, 4000 feet of riparian fence, 3800 feet of terraces, 2640 feet of grass waterway, 1 acre of critical area planting, 22.5 acres of pasture/hayland planting. Technical assistance was provided for BMPs implemented.*

Basic Funding

- *Provide travel reimbursement for supervisors to attend board meetings. Attorney fees to establish an MOU with Spokane CD. Dues for NACD, WACD, SE Area Association, Washington Cattlemen's Association, Blue Mountain RC&D, Washington Association of Wheat Growers and Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association. Officer's & Director's insurance and District liability insurance. Gift for WACD Auction. Provide district calendars to cooperators in the district.*

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- *A total of 9 new contracts were approved enhancing 382.8 acres of riparian area and protecting 18.75 miles of stream.*
- *40,000 trees and shrubs planted, 49,600 feet riparian fence, 6 spring developments, 1 well, 8 troughs, 2,900 feet pipeline and 3 livestock crossings. Technical assistance was provided for contract developments and BMP implementation.*

Irrigation Efficiencies

- *Nine landowners were contacted regarding the program. A total of six efficiency assessments were completed, but no contracts developed. As a result of this program, the District contracted with DOE to install six flow meters on diversions.*

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

Accomplishments through BPA & Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grants

- *5 spring developments, 4785 feet of riparian fence, 1 trough, 4 multipurpose ponds, 4100 acres of long-term direct seed, and 20,000 trees and shrubs planted. Technical assistance was provided for BMPs implemented.*

Information & Education

Accomplishments

- *Two District newsletters were produced to inform growers of available programs, upcoming events and District activities. Participates in tours with WSU, BPA and Nez Perce Tribe and NRCS. Held Annual meeting on February 25th. Conducted meeting for farmers in the long-term direct seed programs. Held one outdoor classroom day for Asotin County students to evaluate water quality in Asotin Creek. Provided water quality monitoring presentation at Partnerships in Education conference. Provided support to four classrooms with fish-rearing aquariums and released approximately 800 fish. Sponsored teams from Asotin and Clarkston High Schools at the Whitman County Envirothon and the 2003 State Envirothon.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices



New riparian fence installed



Buffer after vegetative growth